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(54) Audio and visual transmission and receiving system

(57) To provide a user with the capability of accessing audio/video material, and to remotely select, store and play back the material at any time, there is provided a distribution method responsive to requests identifying information to be sent from a transmission system to remote locations, the method comprising the steps of:

storing audio and video information in a compressed data form;

requesting transmission, by a user, of at least a part of the stored compressed data to a remote location

selected by the user;

sending at least a portion of the stored compressed information to the remote location;

receiving the sent information at the remote location;

buffering the received information at the remote location; and

playing back the buffered information in real time at a time requested by the user.

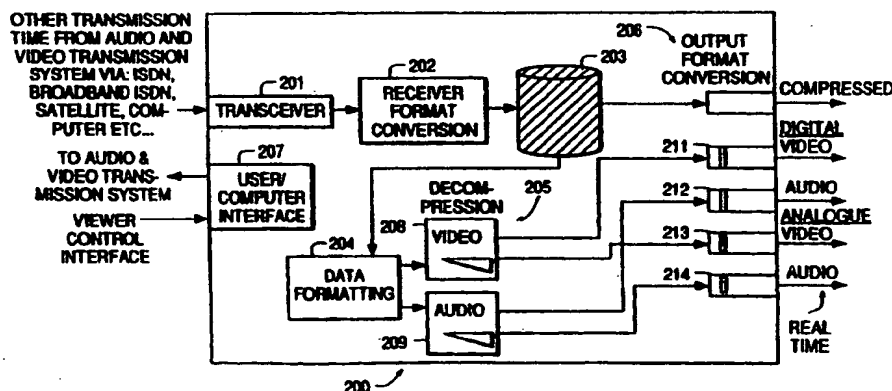


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